

FORT PIERCE NEWS

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FORT PIERCE, ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, MAY 7, 1909.

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COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular May Session of the Board Was Very Short.

The county commissioners met in regular session May 3, 1909. Present, E. G. Arnold, chairman, C. H. Edwards, J. H. Wynn, D. E. Austin, with J. H. Wynn, clerk, and Perry Carlton, sheriff.

Minutes of last regular meeting and special meeting held April 26th, 1909, were read and approved.

A protest having been filed, the board ordered opened: Beginning at the southeast corner of the southeast 1/4 of section 9, township 36 south, range 40 east, and

to the northeast corner of section 36 south, range 33 east, said road to be 30 feet wide.

On motion E. G. Arnold, of Gifford, placed on the pauper list for two months at \$10 per month.

A petition of 36 citizens of St. Lucie county, requesting the Board to reconsider the plan for the proposed court-house, received and on motion was

referred to the Board.

On motion Commissioner Kroegel is authorized to visit Titusville and confer with the proper officers in regard to the proposed county jail.

Report of F. L. Hemmings, county collector, received.

Report of F. M. Tyler, collector, received showing licenses collected during the month of April 1909, state \$9.00, city \$12.00; also polls collected, 54.

On motion the clerk is instructed to respond with E. Ben Carter, road commissioner of the Florida East Coast Railroad, in regard to crossings at Vero and

Sebring.

On motion to carry firearms by J. W. Wynn and G. Beville received, and on motion the same are refused.

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SURVEYING COAST LINE CANAL

Capt. Bie Gathering Data for Benefit of Government.

Gathering data about the Florida Coast Line canal for the United States government Capt. O. N. Bie, board the steamer McGuire, is en route to the inside route from St. August this week making investigations. Capt. J. J. Mickler is in command of the boat.

The McGuire is a government boat and has been employed in pulling snags out of the St. Johns river. He left the mouth of the St. Johns river last Saturday morning in tow of the powerful tug Three Friends and arrived in St. Augustine in less than four hours by five minutes.

From there the boat proceeded down the canal and will go as far as Key West. Capt. Bie will make soundings and borings along the canal and natural waterway ascertaining the depth of water and the character of the bottom. He expects the trip to consume a couple of months.

The trip is made with the object of securing information for the government which is indispensable in placing a valuation on the canal, which the government is contemplating purchasing.

Capt. Bie and Capt. Mickler are comfortably situated aboard the boat, having the comforts of a hotel. The superstructure of the boat contains a large office, which is also used for a dining room. There are two spacious staterooms and bath room.

Drawing only three and one-half feet of water the McGuire will have no difficulty in navigating the canal. She is 70 feet in length and 18 feet beam and is equipped with a 50 h. p. engine. She also carries a derrick operated by an engine capable of lifting a ton. This derrick is used for removing snags from navigable streams.

deepened to ten feet and will probably also be widened.—Florida Star.

The McGuire was at Fort Pierce from Saturday until Monday, while Captain Bie spent the Sabbath at his home in Miami. The boat and party proceeded south Monday.

"MOTHER'S DAY" NEXT SUNDAY

A Proclamation Issued by Governor Gilchrist.

State of Florida—Executive Office. By the Governor.

The attention of the people of the State of Florida is invited to the beautiful custom, inaugurated in many of the other States, of paying special tribute on at least one day in the year to the best friend of each and every one of us—our mothers;

Therefore, I, Albert W. Gilchrist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby designate and proclaim Sunday, May 9, 1909, as

MOTHERS' DAY,

and recommend that it be observed as such in all homes and churches by the people of this State. Mothers' Day should really be every day in the year.

On this particular day it is recommended that the custom observed in other States be followed by each person wearing a white carnation, "its whiteness standing for purity, its form for beauty, its fragrance for love, its wide field for charity, its lasting quality for faithfulness—all being a true mother's virtues."

In those portions of the State in which there are no carnations now in bloom it is recommended that the white rose be used instead—the rose being universally recognized as the queen of all flowers. It also possesses the characteristics of the carnation.

It is recommended that the various churches arrange a suitable program for Mothers' Day, Sunday, May 9, 1909, and that each person pay some suitable and special attention to his mother, if she be living, and to her memory if she be dead.

Done at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 1st day of May, 1909.

ALBERT W. GILCHRIST, Governor of the State of Florida.

By the Governor: H. Clay Crawford, Sec. of State.

MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD

Regular May Session of St. Lucie Board of Education.

The School Board met in regular session on Monday, May 3rd Present, R. R. Gladwin, chairman; W. C. Braddock and Geo. E. Coon.

The following business was transacted: Minutes of last meeting and special meeting of April 26th, 1909, read and approved.

On motion W. C. Braddock was appointed to superintend moving school house at Quay and repairing road.

On motion bids for the building of Tanne school house were opened and held over 30 days and other bids are called for.

On motion Geo. E. Coon and Wm. Hogg were appointed as a committee to look after repairs on Jensen school house.

The following persons being elected at the election held April 20, 1909, as trustees, the same was commissioned to serve as such for the next two years:

Tantle District—W. W. Patten, Peter Raulerlon, H. H. Hancock.

Viking—A. O. Helseth, John Helseth, M. B. Daniel.

On motion, call for Sub Tax School District Election on June 19, 1909, for the following districts: Sebastian, No. 1; Wabasso, No. 7; Fort Pierce, No. 2; Jensen, No. 4; Quay, No. 8; Narrows, No. 9; Vero, No. 11.

It is further ordered that the Supervisor of Registration furnish certified lists of all legal voters for above districts.

On motion, Launch route, Narrows school, was awarded to Sebourn Jones, said bid being for \$23.00 per school month. The treasurer's report was examined and found correct.

The following accounts were ordered paid:

G. E. Coon per diem, mileage, 1.00

W. C. Braddock " " 1.00

Miss E. Hunter " " 50.00

Miss I. Bond " " 50.00

Miss E. Geiger " " 45.00

Miss U. Geiger " " 45.00

Miss E. O. Helseth " " 50.00

Miss Edna Geiger " " 50.00

Mrs. I. Pennington, teacher No. 12 70.00

Miss Edna Johns " No. 1 60.00

Miss Ida Tobie " " 45.00

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H. L. Phillips reprs Jensen sch 4.90

Tribune Printing Co 2.00

E. C. Summerlin trans pupils No. 8 24.00

Kia Walker, " " 25.00

J. A. Rogers, trans pupils No. 8 32.00

C. S. Blocker " " 34.75

S. S. Buell, ballot boxes 1.00

Dorcas Hudson janitor No. 8 10.00

K. M. Tedder, postage 1.77

K. M. Tedder supt salary 75.00

R. R. Gladwin, per diem 4.00

W. C. Braddock per diem and mil 9.40

Geo. E. Coon " " 7.00

THE OPERETTA "SNOW WHITE"

High School Will Give a Pretty Play Monday Night.

The operetta "Snow White," by Clara S. Burnam and G. F. Root, will be presented by pupils of the school assisted by Dr. VanLandingham, Miss Edith Tyler and Herbert VanLandingham, at the Improvement Club hall, on Monday evening, May 10th, beginning promptly at 8 o'clock.

The cast includes Miss Edith Tyler, as Snow White, Miss Ethelyn Cramer, as the Queen, her stepmother; Dr. VanLandingham, as Carl, the Huntsman; Herbert VanLandingham, the Prince; seven dwarfs—Ray Saunders, Leslie Tyre, Phillips Platts, Frances Cross, Fred Jones, Stephen Gladwin and Eugene Summerlin; smaller children as fairies, larger children as forest children and older girls as companions of Snow White. In the wedding scene Miss Jonnie Van Dittmar is maid of honor, Miss Jessie Moore, sceptre bearer, and Misses Ethel Tyler, Myrtle Edwards, Laura Penney, Berta Dardis, Florence Stetson, Nan Alderman, Annie Brown, Lois Davis, Pearl Fultz and Theda Horton are bridesmaids; Ollie May Summerlin and James Hopkins are pages to the queen.

The celebration of Snow White's birthday forms the first scene. When the jealousy of the Queen becomes aroused she commands Carl, the Huntsman, to take Snow White to the forest and there kill her, bringing back her heart and eyes.

The second act portrays them in the forest, where Carl's heart fails him and he spares the life of Snow White, leaving her to the mercy of the forest. Here she wanders about until she finds and enters the home of the seven dwarfs, who promise to care for her and to give her a home.

The third act depicts the Prince's search for Snow White. He finds her in the forest and, of course, they live happy ever after. This brief synopsis of the operetta will enable all to understand and follow the action readily. The public is cordially invited to be present.

LIVELY SCRAP AT THE CAPITAL

Volusia County Members Fight a Draw with Fists.

The Tallahassee correspondent of the Times-Union, under date of Sunday, says:

The usual Sunday quiet of the Leon lobbies was broken this afternoon when Hon. James E. Alexander and Hon. Macon Thornton, the two representatives from Volusia county, engaged in a fist encounter.

Mr. Alexander was standing in the lobby of the hotel talking to a friend when Mr. Thornton entered and in a most acrid manner demanded to know of Mr. Alexander if he had made a statement that he (Alexander) had written the platform upon which he (Thornton) ran.

"I understand that you made the statement that you wrote the platform upon which I made my race for the legislature," remarked Thornton.

Those in the lobby of the hotel who heard the remark thought that the gentleman from Volusia was addressing his colleague jokingly.

"I think it was written in my office," returned Mr. Alexander.

"You are a d— liar!"

Instantly the two came to blows but were instantly separated by friends.

The two members of the House from Volusia have stood together on practically every issue since the opening of the session. Mr. Alexander declared tonight, however, that they had arrived at the parting of the ways, differences having arisen over a local measure. Mr. Alexander said he favored a free bridge from Daytona to Daytona Beach while his colleague had taken a different view.

Since the weather has become settled fish shipments are again going forward, trout are on the run and the fishermen are once more wearing smiles.

WHAT OTHERS HAVE SAID OF US

The News' Booster Edition Caused Considerable Comment.

BRINGS DESIRABLE SETTLERS.

Last week the Fort Pierce News issued a special Booster edition of 24 pages. It is such editions as this that is bringing Florida hundreds of desirable settlers.—Wauchula Advocate.

OF MUCH BENEFIT.

The Boosters' Edition of The Fort Pierce News, which was published last Friday, contained twenty-four pages filled with matter that should prove of much benefit to that town.—Punta Gorda Herald.

EXCEEDINGLY CREDITABLE.

The twenty-four page "Booster's Edition" of the Fort Pierce News, issued last week, was exceedingly creditable to the publisher, the thriving little city in which it is published, and the growing county of St. Lucie.—Bartow Courier-Informant.

A CREDIT TO FORT PIERCE.

The "boost" edition of the Fort Pierce News is a credit to Fort Pierce, the merchants and the proprietor. Its advertising columns certainly show there are live, up-to-date merchants in St. Lucie's county town, and they deserve the patronage of all home people. It looks as if every merchant in that town had an advt. in The News. Nothing like push and energy to get business and more settlers.—Titusville Advocate.

CREDIT TO EDITOR AND COUNTY.

The Fort Pierce News came out last week with a "Special Boosters' Edition," which is a credit to both the editor and St. Lucie county. Brother Brown made many friends while with the Journal some years back, and they are proud of the paper on the eve of a STROKE OF ENTERPRISE.

The Special Booster Edition of the Fort Pierce News was a stroke of enterprise that does much credit to Brother Brown, its hustling editor. This issue of the news contains twenty-four pages, all well filled with good write-ups and handsome advertisements. Fort Pierce is now on the big road to a great season of prosperity, and Brother Brown will soon feel as proud as Brother Harris, of the Kissimmee Gazette.—Melbourne Times.

FROM "BUSTER" TO "BOOSTER."

"Buster" Brown, editor of the Fort Pierce News, has changed his name to "Booster" Brown, as is evidenced by the large "booster" edition of The News which he issued last week. This special edition consisted of 24 pages containing many interesting articles about Fort Pierce and St. Lucie county and numerous half-tone illustrations of scenes there. It was neatly printed and is a credit to the little city in which it is published as well as to the hustling young editor.—Palm Beach News.

OUR LOCAL CONTEMPORARY.

The Booster edition of our local contemporary certainly demonstrated that every business house in Fort Pierce is conducted by a "booster." The edition contained twenty-four pages, fifteen of which was devoted to "Booster" advertisements especially gotten up for that issue. The articles "Impressions of a Stranger," by Earle F. Townsend; "Pineapple is King," by R. L. Goodwin, and "The Back Country," by Jas. E. Andrews, and the cartoons and illustration drawn by Hy Gage, were splendid and were the main attractions of the edition.—St. Lucie County Tribune

FORT PIERCE BOOMS.

Fort Pierce is surely on the boom. The establishment there of the Southern division headquarters of the Florida East Coast Railway has been the most important factor, but this impetus has been added to by the organization of the Booster club which has a very large membership including (continued on page 4)